

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

ARLENE BUTTERS, et al., )  
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Plaintiffs,                 )  
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v.                             )                                      No. 2:08CV55 JCH  
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DAVID ASH, et al.,         )  
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Defendants.                 )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel.

The motion will be denied.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases.

Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff's allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. See Johnson v. Williams, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); Nelson, 728 F.2d at 1005.

After considering these factors, the Court finds that the facts and legal issues involved are not so complicated that the appointment of counsel is warranted at this time.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel [#20] is **DENIED**.

Dated this 5th Day of March, 2009.

/s/ Jean C. Hamilton  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE